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SUBJECT: HERSPRING VISA

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1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR FOLLOWED UP WITH MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL STEPANOV RE HERSPRING VISA CASE ON OCTOBER 21. STEPANOV STATED DECISION STILL NOT REACHED. WHEN CONSOFF CITED 3-5 DAY RULE, STEPANOV STATED HE WAS AWARE THAT IT APPLIED BUT THAT THERE ARE "EXCEPTIONS" TO ALL RULES. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, SIMILAR "EXCEPTION" DELAYED JAMES BILLINGTON'S RECENT TRIP TO USSR.

2. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY RECENT LONG DELAYS IN VISA CASES INVOLVING TDY TO SOVIET EMBASSY. AS DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE, THERE WAS MONTH-LONG DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF G-4 TO LYUDMILA MIKHAYLINA BECAUSE STATE 229893 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE ON SEPTEMBER 17 DID NOT REACH US UNTIL A MONTH LATER. SOVIET SIDE, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR TYING SOVIET NATIONAL'S G-4 VISA TO AMERICAN APPLYING FOR TDY AT EMBASSY MOSCOW.
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